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Amendments to the Specification:

about their upright axes.

Please replace paragraph [0001] of the application with the following text:

[0001] Many mobile devices such as shopping and hospital trolleys are manoeuverable maneuverable on four such castors, usually one at each corner, and such devices are notorious for their inability in certain circumstances to permit the trolley to be steered and maneuvered maneuvered easily, particularly when heavily loaded and when it is required to direct the trolley around corners. This difficulty arises largely through the inability of the castors to rotate freely

Please replace paragraph [0005] of the application with the following text:

[0005] According to the present invention, there is provided a castor comprising a fork having a pair of lobes between which extends a transverse axle carrying at least one wheel rotatable thereon, and an upright a connection member for connecting the castor to which may be eonnected a frame or chassis of a load bearing an object such as a trolley; the wheel and the connection member being connected together by at least one bolt or rivet and a bearing assembly, characterised by at least one journal bearing disposed to provide rotation about an upright axis between the fork and said frame or chassis. Preferably, the fork and the connection member are connected together by said at least one bolt or rivet, and the fork, the connection member and the bolt or rivet are all independently rotatable.

Please replace paragraph [0008] of the application with the following text:

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[0008] The easter bearing assembly may comprise three or more roller or ball bearings.

Please replace paragraph [0013] of the application with the following text:

[0013] The fork, first member and second member may be held in aligned assembly by a single eentral bolt or rivet said at least one bolt or rivet.

Please replace paragraph [0018] of the application with the following text:

[0018] Fig. 1 is a part-sectional elevation of a castor made in accordance with a first embodiment; and

Please replace paragraph [0019] of the application with the following text:

[0019] Fig. 2 is a similar view of a castor made in accordance with a second embodiment.; and

Please delete paragraph [0020].

[0020] FIG. 3 is a similar view of a easter made in accordance with a third embodiment.

Please replace paragraph [0029] of the application with the following text:

[0029] It will therefore be seen that the fork 13, the first upright member 16 and the second upright member 21 are all freely rotatable relative to one another thus providing entirely free

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rotation of the castor with respect to the frame member 24. The bolt 17, with inner races 20a,

22a, and 23a, and locking nut 18 can rotate together relative to the fork 13, upright members 16

and 21 and frame member 24.

Please replace paragraph [0034] of the application with the following text:

[0034] In the embodiments of Figs 1 and 2, a trolley or the like mounted on or connected to

sleeve 21 or 38 is manoeuverable maneuverable on two or more bearings which interact in series

to afford the castor entirely free rotational movement which does not rely on a single thrust

bearing as typically found in conventional castors where movement can be inhibited by wear of

the axial load-bearing races.

Please replace paragraph [0035] of the application with the following text:

[0035] Considerably improved stability and free manoeuverability maneuverability are afforded

by a castor made in accordance with the invention.

Please delete paragraphs [0036] through [0037].

[0036] Referring now to FIG. 3, in a simplified bearing assembly for the easter, perhaps where

only light loads are to be applied, bearings 32 and 33 in FIG. 2 may be omitted and an

upstanding lip on fork 43 may bear directly against the underside of the inner race of bearing 36,

with bolt head 34-tightened against a washer 44 on the underside of the fork 43.

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[0037] In this example therefore the easter is mounted effectively on a single journal bearing which is the combination of bearings 36 and 37, which themselves may be replaced by a single clongated roller bearing. Thus, in this example, the conventional thrust bearing upon which easters have been mounted previously is replaced by a journal bearing of the type wherein the load is borne by the bearings in the radial as well as the axial direction.